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## McAliley receives district attorney appointment from Gov. Siegelman

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Two days following the announcement from Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor that Tom Sorrells would be the "acting" district attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court, Alabama Governor Don Siegelman made his choice and named Gary McAliley as the permanent replacement for the post.

McAliley received confirmation on Friday, Dec. 20, that he would be the new district attorney for Coffee and Pike counties, and he took his oath of office on Monday, Dec. 23.

At the age of 54, McAliley enters his new role as district attorney after vacating a spot as Circuit Court Judge, and he has said he is ready to take charge and get to work.

The district attorney's spot

## University of Alabama's "Educated Guesses" Riley to face crossroads in 2003

The upcoming year will define Bob Riley's term as governor and may include the Republican governor calling for some sort of tax or fee increase to assist in the state's funding crisis, predicts the chairman of The University of Alabama's political science department.

"My guess is that his attempt to solve the funding crisis by reducing far more than he succeeded to the point that he wants it to," says UA's Dr. David Lanoue. "It will fail partly because the state budget is fairly lean and because the needs are quite substantial."

One of Riley's specific campaign comments caught Lanoue's eye. "There was one thing he said...if all else failed he would consider calling for a tax increase. I think it was significant that he left that door open." A tax increase will not come in the form of a property tax hike, as some have suggested. Movement might come, Lanoue said, in terms of increased home rule, which could allow counties to raise local taxes without having to petition the state legislature or hold statewide referendums.

"I think this will be the most important first year for an Alabama governor in recent memory," Lanoue said. "It will really define what he's going to do."

Constitutional reform efforts will not see significant movement, Lanoue predicts. "Some politicians want it, certainly universities want it, but I don't see any real grass-roots support for it, thus far," Lanoue said. "I

became vacant more than a month ago following the appointment of former district attorney Mark Fuller to a federal judgeship in Montgomery.

Before Pryor named Sorrells as the "acting" district attorney, Joel Folmar filled the void and prosecuted a few cases.

With this appointment from Siegelman, McAliley will now complete the term in which Fuller was elected to serve. There are two years left on the term for McAliley to serve out.

In his letter to McAliley, Siegelman said, "I appreciate your serving in this capacity, and I am confident you will render a valuable service to the citizens of Alabama."

With the district attorney's spot now filled, a replacement will need to be named for McAliley in the role he vacated as Circuit Court Judge.

## "Educated Guesses"

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County administrator Wilson Mobley informed commissioners of a problem he is having with department heads ordering things without first obtaining a purchase order for the item. He said this makes it difficult for him to manage the budget, and he has time and time again asked the department heads to get a purchase order before acquiring anything. Also, he said he has even sent letters to vendors asking them not to sell anything to a county department if a purchase order is not presented at the time the order is placed.

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**SAFETY FIRST...**Coffee County was certainly no stranger to road and bridge progress during the year 2002 as the four-laning of U.S. Highway 84 made its way across the county line and construction of the Ballard Bridge project got underway. Alabama Department of Transportation officials announced midway through April 2002 that work on the replacement of Ballard Bridge over Pea River on Alabama Highway 134 in Coffee County between the Ino and Perry's Store communities had begun. Since that time, construction crews have continued work on the new bridge and have made remarkable progress. Once complete, the new bridge is expected to make travel through the area safer for motorists as it will be wider and stronger than the current bridge. As shown from the above photo, motorists traveling through the area can get a firsthand look at the construction work, however, they are continuously urged to use extreme caution while traveling through this area. The speed limit is lowered due to the work area and speeding fines will be doubled for those caught exceeding the limit.

## During Coffee County Commission meeting

## Motion approved to provide funds to help ESJC finish girls softball field

Commissioners also approved the request of the Coffee County Board of Education by allowing county engineer Randy Tindell and his department assist Kinston in constructing an outside basketball court.

Tindell said this job should take less than a full day of work. Other matters approved by the commission included:

"A motion to send out bids for the lawn care at the Coffee County Courthouses in Elba and Enterprise. The bids will be opened at the end of January and will cover service from February until November."

"A motion to adopt a resolution for the refinancing of the bond on the county courthouse in Enterprise."

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Jan. 13, at 9 a.m., in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

## 2002 remembered as year of uncertainty by farmers

The year 2002 may be remembered as one of uncertainty by most Alabama farmers. The weather always is a big question mark, but 2002 was especially unpredictable. In addition to the weather, farmers anxiously awaited passage of a new farm bill that would affect the crops they produce for years to come.

"Agriculture is so unpredictable, and this year is a good example of why the new farm bill is so important to farmers," said Alfa Farmers President Jerry Newby. "A lot of our farmers thought they had a bumper

crop made. Then the rains set in this fall late, and it just destroyed their crop, so they gathered just a small portion of it. Our new farm bill does give us some protection from this kind of disaster and also from low prices."

The year began with snow for some Alabama farmers, rain for others. But for many, especially those in south Alabama, a drought continued from the previous year. The United States Department of Agriculture declared a drought disaster for every county in Alabama, except for Mobile.

Baldwin County farmer Chad DeVine knows better than most that farming is an uncertain business. Earlier this year, he dodged the drought problems and thought he might harvest two bales of cotton per acre. It promised to be one of his best crops ever. Now, he's not sure if you can harvest his crop.

"Total, we've probably gotten about 30 inches of rainfall or more in the past eight weeks," DeVine said in early December. It is disheartening to watch a crop all year and then have it ruined by the weather. But that's farming. It's always uncertain."

## Area Happenings

**THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL** will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall. Prior to the council meeting, the New Brockton Water Board will meet at 5:30 p.m.

**THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA HIV PREVENTION COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP OF PUBLIC HEALTH AREA TEN** will meet in conjunction with the East Central Alabama Community Planning Group and the Southeast Alabama Care Consortium on January 7, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the Charles Henderson Child Health Center (1350 Highway 231 South, Troy, Ala.) in the basement auditorium.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the board of education office (400 Reddick Hill Rd., Elba).

**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. CHAPTER 213** will hold its regular monthly meeting Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m., at the Central Area Community House, which is located on Highway 92, near in Providence Baptist Church.



The DARE program at Elba Elementary School has long been one of the most recognized and successful programs throughout the Elba City School System. It is designed for sixth grade students to teach them about drug and alcohol awareness and resistance, and although the program has been ongoing at Elba for quite some time, the students and instructors still recognize the importance of the community's help. With that said, the students involved with this year's DARE program recently presented Representative Terry Spicer with a giant card of thanks for all he does in helping the program be successful. DARE instructor Dean Blair said the program would not continue to be as successful as it is without the help of community leaders such as Spicer. The card was signed by all members of the 2002-03 DARE class.



## EDITORIAL

## Exploring Congress and Washington online

by Congressman Terry Everett  
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Not so long ago, few people except Washington reporters, lobbyists and congressional staff could readily obtain copies of bills before Congress or quickly learn how Members of Congress were voted. You'd pretty much have to be in Washington to gain timely access to congressional schedules and copies of the Congressional Record. However, the Internet has changed that.

Today anyone with Internet access can click in to the House and Senate via a number of comprehensive government-run web sites. These sites are so useful that many who work

in Washington monitoring congressional activity regularly utilize them. In fact, congressional staff, including my own, find them particularly helpful in tracking down the status of legislation.

There are two principal web sites I recommend to people seeking information about Congress. The first is <http://www.clerkweb.house.gov/> or "Clerkweb," which is a good overall site with lots of links to current and historical facts about the U.S. Capitol and the Congress. It is maintained by the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives. The second is <http://thomas.loc.gov/> or "Thomas," which is a database of legislation before the House and Senate. It is run by the U.S. Library of Congress.

For those interested in learning more about the U.S. Capitol building, the Architect of Capitol offers an excellent site: <http://www.aoc.gov/>. In addition to tour and historical

information about America's most famous town hall, it also sports information about the newly planned visitors center. Earlier this year, the federal government launched several sites that are already having a wide appeal: FirstGov (<http://www.firstgov.gov/>), an on-line clearinghouse of government services and information to federal employees and citizens; and GovBenefits.gov (<http://govbenefits.gov/>) a portal to an array of federal benefits programs. I encourage citizens interested in their federal government to visit these sites.

Speaking of new sites, in early October, I launched my revamped congressional web site at <http://www.house.gov/everett>. I now have a built-in email feature on the new site which speeds up emails to me, and I offer links to important federal services as well as my regular press statements.

Congress and the federal government are now within the reach of a computer mouse click. For those with Internet access at home, at school, or in the local library, I invite you to visit Washington on-line.

## ESJC Spring Semester set to begin

Enterprise State Junior College's 2003 Spring Semester begins Jan. 13, and it will feature a variety of options for students to take courses. The main campus day and evening and the Ft. Rucker campus will feature full-term and mini-term courses. In addition to that, some courses will be offered weekends and on the Internet. A variety of study options are also available with the traditional academic transfer of credits, with courses offered for any major field of study, career programs with one- and two-year certificates, training

for employees at Wiregrass businesses and industries, courses to enhance current job skills, leisure-time special interest courses, and free adult education basic courses teaching reading, math, English as a Second Language, and preparation for the GED test. For more information about being admitted to the College, taking courses through any programs, or registering for courses, call the main campus at 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234, the Ft. Rucker campus at 508-3438, or visit the website at [www.esjc.edu](http://www.esjc.edu).

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, investigated the following incidents: one criminal mischief, one threat, two for disorderly conduct, one domestic violence, two for public intoxication, one resisting arrest, one theft of property, one vehicle damage and one domestic dispute.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence, two for public intoxication, one for disorderly conduct, one for resisting arrest, one for failure to appear and one for contempt.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for driving with a suspended driver's license, one for reckless driving, two for driving with a revoked driver's license and one for violation of the seat belt law.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, DECEMBER 23** - River stage - 7.80 feet (6:46 a.m.); Burglary reported at 742 Reese Ave. (9:27 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Tootie Bugs on Jones St. (9:27 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24** - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grass fire on Hwy. 189 S just past the Packing House Rd. (3:32 a.m.); Alarm

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• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom  
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center  
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office - AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. of every month - 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
• MASONIC LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - 430 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858  
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 430 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858  
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 5 p.m. - Club House  
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise  
• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at the Airport  
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month  
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High School locker room  
• NEW SENIORS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

activated at Kelly's Bar-B-Que (8:23 a.m.); Minor vehicle accident reported on Hwy. 84 E (11:14 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1883 Hickman Ave. (12:42 p.m.); Prowler reported at 14617 Hwy. 87 (9:40 a.m.); Loud music reported on Washington Ave. (10:48 p.m.).

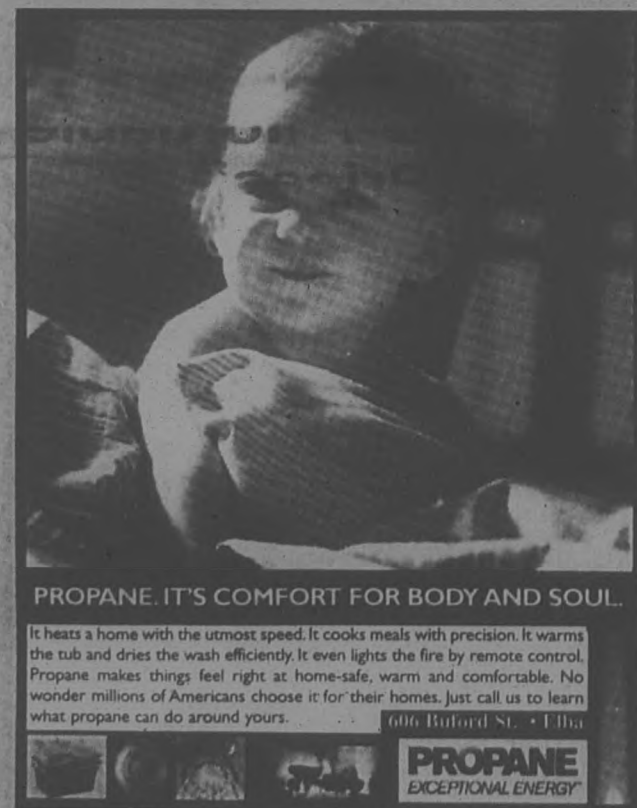
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25** - Elba Fire Department dispatched to Claxton Ave. due to a tree on a power line (1:06 a.m.); River stage - 12.37 feet (6:55 a.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26** - Alarm activated at 14055 Hwy. 84 E. (1:07 a.m.); River stage - 12.68 feet (6:52 a.m.); Minor accident in front of Hardee's (1:51 p.m.); Possible disturbance reported at Mr. Henry's (9:02 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27** - River stage - 10.97 feet (6:50 p.m.); Alarm activated at 627 Adams St. (10:33 a.m.); Loud music reported on Taylor Mill Rd. (6:24 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28** - Prowler reported at 14055 Hwy. 84 E. (4:36 a.m.); River stage - 9.46 feet (7:55 a.m.); Civil disturbance (not in progress) reported at 1403 Smith Ave. (2:06 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 1826 Woodland Dr. (9:17 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29** - River stage - 9.08 feet (6:53 a.m.); Elba Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the Elba Nursing Home (8:31 a.m.); Alarm activated at 2540 Taylor Mill Rd. (2:15 p.m.); Domestic dispute reported at 353 Brunson Circle (5:06 p.m.); Alarm activated at 627 Adams St. (6:45 p.m.); Loud music reported near 1243 Hwy. 166 (6:52 p.m.).



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\*\*\*A Mission Minded Women's Conference to be held at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, January 4, 2003. There will be a brunch at 9:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. The Theme will be "It's all about Jesus." Isaiah 9:6. Rev. A.R. Williams is the minister at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

\*\*\*The Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Ministers.

Deacons and Laymen's Union convened at Friendship M.B. Church, Glenwood, AL, December 29, Attending from Elba and Rocky Head M.B. Church were: Alan Belcher, Marcus Kelley, Annie Pearl Carpenter, Brittany Daniels, Ernestine Kelley, Melissa Kelley and Eria Lindsey Belcher, Re. J.M. Bryant is the pastor at Friendship M.B. Church, Montgomery, AL, 2003. \*\*\*Milton and Bettye Belcher, Montgomery, AL, visited Wallace and Mattie Belcher of Elba this past week-end.

\*\*\*Many friends and relatives from other cities and states traveled to Elba to visit with their families during the Christmas 2002 holidays.

\*\*\*Happy New Year...2003! God bless. Today is a good day! Be grateful.

## JANICE BRYAN

Mrs. Janice Bryan, age 62, of One Lane Drive, Brantley, Ala., Dec. 23, 2002 at Baptist Medical Center East, Montgomery, Ala.

Funeral services were held Dec. 24, 2002 at Bullock Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Ward officiating. Burial followed in Bullock Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her husband, Lanny E. Bryan, Brantley, four daughters: Deborah Parks, Troy, Pam Lucy, Montgomery, Vickie Watson, Mobile, Melissa Simmons, Luverne, three sons: Joey McLendon and Chad Stewart, both of Montgomery, Chad Brown, Brantley, and one sister: Betty Hunt, Troy.

## JOSEPH A. McDERMOTT

Mr. Joseph A. McDermott, age 72, of 720 Reese Avenue, Elba, Ala., died Dec. 22, 2002 at his residence.

Mr. McDermott was an active member of St. John's Catholic Church where he served as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27, 2002 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Father Joe Wadas and Father Hugh Maguire officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Beatrice McDermott, Elba; one daughter: Mary Lynn McDermott, Hamilton, Ohio; one son and daughter-in-law: Joe and Paulette McDermott, Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister: Mary MacLeod, Moncton New Brunswick, Canada; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

## Tribute To Earl Holder

by Christine Holder

Earl Holder was born in Coldwater, Mississippi, drafted in 1943 shortly after graduating from high school. He was assigned to the Navy and after boot camp sent to Northwestern University to be trained to become a Radioman. He spent his time during World War II in Hawaii in the Communication Center for the Pacific Theater. He was trained in Morse Code and used a key to send but when he retired in 1978, he was using computers. After World War II he entered college where he met and married Christine Hardy, a native of Elba.

He was the first minister for Westside Baptist Church, when it was started as a mission in the summer of 1953. Much interest was shown in the new work and supported by First Baptist Church-Elba. Rev. M. L. Seay (pastor) and the deacons also supported and worked with Rev. R.A. Strozier.

A tent was used in the beginning but later replaced by a house which was on the lot where the regular Westside Baptist Church stands today. Work continued and new people came and shortly a church was built.

Mr. Holder was the minister until the summer of 1956. He reentered the Navy, and remained until 1978.

Upon retirement he and his wife made their home in Orlando, FL. He worked with local churches and did mission work as well as taught school. His teaching career ended much sooner than he wanted it to, because of ill health. Until his death he spoke fondly of his students and co-teachers at Oak Ridge High School where he taught English.

In his later years with a handicap he grew vegetables, & flowers (his favorite - roses). He also enjoyed his family especially grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is missed by his family, church, neighbors and friends.

## Obituaries

## B. FRANK LOWERY

B. Franklin Lowery, age 53, of 2173 County Road 25, Jack, AL, died Sunday, December 29, 2002 at his residence. Funeral services were held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, December 31, 2002 with Rev. Jimmy Maddox, Rev. Walter Faulk, Rev. Ashley Faulk, Rev. Jimmy Eddins, and Rev. Rick Hayes officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Mr. Lowery was preceded in death by his son Justin Lowery.

Survivors include his wife, Christine Boswell Lowery of Jack; one son and daughter-in-law, Tobi and Christine Lowery, and two grandchildren: Destine Lowery and Arielle Lowery all of Jack; one brother, Jack Lowery of Jacksonville, FL; three sisters, Fran Turner of Mobile, AL; Play Logan of Sevierville, TN and Mary (Bay) Payne of Newton, AL.

**LULA MARLER**  
Mrs. Lula Marler, age 96, of 4346 Elba Hwy., Elba, Ala., died Dec. 20, 2002 at Medical Center Enterprise, Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Dec. 22, 2002 at Friendship Baptist Church of the Bullock Community with Rev. Mark Ward and Rev. Daniel Marler officiating. Burial followed in the Friendship Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Marler was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Marler.

Survivors include her daughter: Louise Marler, Elba; and several nieces and nephews.

## EARL M. HOLDER

Earl M. Holder, age 77, RMC USN retired, passed away August 18, 2002. Born in Coldwater, Mississippi, he was a veteran of WWII and Vietnam. Mr. Holder was an ordained Baptist Minister and school teacher.

Survivors include his wife Christine Holder, children, Rose and Crosby Ream, Melaney and Tim Douglas, Tim and Kaye Holder, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son Stephen Holder; also nine brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held August 21, at Southview Baptist Church, Burial was held at Chapel Hill Cemetery in Orlando, FL.

## DONALD B. HUDSON

Donald B. Hudson went to be with the Lord on Friday the 27th of December, 2002. He was born in Montgomery, AL in 1925 where he resided until his retirement as the Comptroller of The Copy Center.

Mr. Hudson served in the Pacific as a Sergeant in World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. He served as a Warrant Officer in the Army Reserve in a Montgomery unit following the war.

After retiring, Donald and his wife, Tina, moved to Santa Rosa Beach, FL. He was a member of the Community Church of Santa Rosa Beach and served as treasurer of the church for five years.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Tina South Hudson; a daughter and son in law, Sara and Al Smith of Elba, AL; a grandson Stephen Smith of Troy, AL; a brother-in-law, Charles M. South and a sister-in-law Margie Hudson, both of Montgomery; three nieces and two nephews.

A memorial service was conducted Sunday, December 29, 2002, at 2:00 pm at the Community Church, Highway 98, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, to celebrate the life of Donald Hudson. The reverends Bob Hendricks and Don Ulrich officiated.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Community Church Building Fund, McLaughlin Mortuary, 17 Chestnut Ave., Fort Walton Beach, FL was in charge of arrangements.

**TINNIE SMITH COPELAND**  
Ms. Tinnie Smith Copeland, age 85, of New Brockton, Ala., died Dec. 26, 2002 at Enterprise Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Dec. 30, 2002 from Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton with Rev. Harvey Williams officiating and Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing. Ms. Copeland was preceded in death by her husband, Potter Copeland, and 20 sisters and brothers.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews; and friends: Pasty Pruitt and Alwanya Nelson.

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## CHURCH & AREA NEWS

### Annual Matron Day to be held at Greater Springfield M.B. Church

Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton, to celebrate Annual Matron Day.

The theme will be "Put on The Whole Armor of God." (Ephesians 6:11). This event will be held Sunday, January 12 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Eugene Smith will be the guest speaker from Jackson Chapel Church of Christ, Capps, Alabama.

Pastor at Greater Springfield Missionary Church is Harvey C. Williams.

### G.C.Baptist Institute of Sanford University to begin classes January 13

The Coffee County Baptist Institute of Sanford University will begin classes on Monday, January 13, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the Coffee County Baptist Center at 603 E. McKinnon in New Brockton. II Corinthians will be taught by Dr. John Granger and Growing in the Christian Life will be taught by Rev. Leon Adams. Classes begin on January 13 and continue through May 31, 2003. Scholarships are available to those who qualify. For more information contact James K. Hughes at 347-6717 or Sanford University Extension at (205)726-2731.

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ON SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22, The Elba United Methodist Church held their annual church-wide Christmas Party and was surprised by a visit from this gentleman pictured above.

### NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

JAMES K. HUGHES

Air Force Airman James K. Hughes has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies. Hughes, of Elba, Ala., and Romona Siedel of Grand Bay, Ala.

### Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. Chapter 373 to meet

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on January 9, 2003. Meeting will be held at the Clayhatchee Community House, which is located on highway 92 close to Providence Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Veterans and their families are welcome to attend. Open to the public. For more information call 347-1426 or 598-8804.

### Kelley Foods of Alabama, Inc. entertain employees with Christmas Dinner

Kelley Foods Of Alabama, Inc. held its annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Elba High School. After the meal, adults and children were entertained by a magician from Montgomery. Games were played and door prizes awarded, and a visit was made by Santa, who passed out candy.

During the program, new team members were recognized and service pins presented. These were:

**5 YEARS**  
Timmy Kyles, Phil Tew  
**10 YEARS**  
Ray Wheeler, Anthony Thomaston, Timothy Nelso  
**15 YEARS**  
Jimmy D. Smart, Donnon Thompson, Scottie Sullivan, Randy McKinney  
**20 YEARS**  
Steve McCall, Steve Deal  
**25 YEARS**  
Earnest Marler  
**30 YEARS**  
Aaron Tidwell, Joe Daugherty

### The Southeast Al HIV Prevention Community Planning Group to meet

The Southeast Alabama HIV Prevention Community Planning Group of Public Health Area Ten will meet in conjunction with the East Central Alabama Community Planning Group and the Southeast Alabama Care Consortia on January 7, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the Charles Henderson Child Health Center (1330 Highway 231 South, Troy, Ala.) in the basement auditorium. Issues involving HIV prevention and care for clients in Alabama will be the topic of discussion. Those who are infected and affected with HIV/AIDS, Community Based Organizations and AIDS Service Organizations as well as the general public are encouraged to attend. Counties in this area are: Barbour, Chilton, Autauga, Elmore, Montgomery, Macon, Russell, Lee, Bullock, (PHA-8), Coffee, Henry, Houston, Pike, (PHA-10). For more information, please call Delia Reynolds, R.N., HIV/AIDS Coordinator, Alabama Department of Public Health 334-678-2800.



Pictures above are scenes from Kelley Foods Christmas Dinner given for their employees.

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## Church Directory

<b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Eddie Phillips-Cope, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Tue. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.	<b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.	<b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Tom Senn, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.	<b>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Martha Baxter Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays	<b>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST - E. H. Hill, Minister</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays	<b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. William Frank, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training.....5:00 p.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed.....7:00 p.m.	<b>EANON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Bernard Strickland, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....6:15 p.m.	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Jimmy Simmons, Minister Bible Study.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> J. E. Wesley, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Morn. Afternoon.....5:30 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Pastor Rev. Roy Davis Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Rev. Andrew Smith Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:30 p.m.	<b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Rev. Andrew Smith Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Denny Sherer, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON</b> Denny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Training Union.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	<b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Andy Marler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.	<b>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH</b> W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rick Hayes, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Wesley D. Ardi, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>MT. JONAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> De. Troy Dyer, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.	<b>MT. JONAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Hubert McWaters, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>MT. ZION HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Jimmie Bryan, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Ray Layton, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>MULBERRY HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> R. E. Williams, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>KINSTON 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Training Union.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	<b>LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> Ron & Mary Stinson, Pastors Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Service.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Youth Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Greg Hatcher, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH</b> Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>NEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Wayne Webster Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>NEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Keith Price, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>NEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.	<b>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.	<b>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Danae DeLozier, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.	<b>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Perry Hinkle, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.	<b>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Lorrell Flowers, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Lorrell Flowers, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Nathaniel Fleming, Pastor 2nd & 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sun. Night	<b>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Rev. Keith Price, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>PRATHE &amp; GLORY WORSHIP CENTER</b> Betty Morris, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b> A. E. Williams, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays	<b>ROTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH</b> Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.	<b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Jimmy Medley, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. 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## LIFESTYLES

### Masters-Kendrick wedding held in Birmingham December 28



Mr. Farris & Miss Solomon

### Solomon-Farris Wedding planned for March 29

Ricky Solomon and Jan Solomon, both of Opp, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Stacey Lynne, to Mr. James Michael Farris. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Louise Sasser and the late James Din Sasser of Opp and Eva Solomon and the late Ezra Solomon of Babbie. Miss Solomon is a 1997 graduate of Opp High School and a 2001 graduate of Troy State University. She is currently working toward a master's degree in Occupational Therapy at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The prospective groom is the son of Mike Farris of the Basin Community and Linda Dennis of Enterprise. His grandparents are James and Mathaly Farris of the Basin Community the late Roy and Cleo Seay of Kinston. Mr. Farris is a 1997 graduate of Kinston High School and a 2002 graduate of Troy State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in Accounting. The wedding will take place at Southside Baptist Church of Opp on March 29, 2003 at 5 o'clock in the evening. The reception will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Edgar at 1109 Highway 84 East. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Kelle Vaughan Kendrick and David Haynes Masters, Jr. were united in holy matrimony on December 28, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Doctor Kenneth Alan Dunivant and Doctor William Bailey Morgan officiated at the 6:30 p.m. ceremony. A reception followed at North River Yacht Club.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Frank Kendrick, Jr. of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vaughan, Jr. of Elba, Alabama, and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Frank Kendrick, Sr. of Elba, Alabama.

The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. David Haynes Masters, Jr. of San Antonio, Texas. He is the grandson of Mrs. Pat Taylor of Georgetown, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Conway Taylor of Austin, Texas, Mrs. Minnie Lee Sniderman of San Antonio, Texas, and Dr. Don Masters of San Antonio, Texas.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, John Frank Kendrick, Jr. She wore a formal gown of ivory matte satin designed by Ashley Jordan for Impression Bridal. The bodice of the two-piece gown featured a sweetheart neckline, trimmed with a small braid of rolled matte satin and gold threads, and a basque waistline. The bodice and the front of the A-line skirt were embroidered in ivory and gold threads. The back of the gown featured box pleats and an attached cathedral length train. She wore a fingertip veil of silk illusion trimmed in satin and attached to a headpiece of pearls and crystals.

Miss Kimberly Ruth Easter of Odessa, Texas and Miss Melissa Ann Muse of San Antonio, Texas, attended the bride as maids of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Rebecca Camp Masters of McKinney, Texas, sister-in-law of the groom, Miss

Charlotte Vaughan McGehee and Miss Sarah Elizabeth McGehee of Birmingham, Alabama, cousins of the bride, Miss Dana Kathryn Mishoe of Washington, D.C., Miss Kionna Margarita Murray of New York, New York, Miss Lissa Galt Steves of San Antonio, Texas, Miss Carrie Lane Thornton of Marietta, Georgia, and Miss Emily Logan Vaughan of Birmingham, Alabama, cousin of the bride.

Mr. Stuart Kaime Carter of San Antonio, Texas served the groom as best man. Groomsmen were Mr. Robert Thomas Aderhold of Los Angeles, California, Mr. Kellis Stuart Dibrell of Dallas, Texas, Mr. Chad Ryan Fontana of Austin, Texas, Mr. Adam James Judice of Lafayette, Louisiana, Mr. John Frank Kendrick, III of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, brother of the bride, Mr. Bryan Taylor Masters of McKinney, Texas, and Mr. Kyle Mitchum Masters of San Antonio, Texas, brothers of the groom, Mr. John Michael McMullen of Austin, Texas, and Mr. Clarke Andrew Watson of San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Lawrence Christian Lacy of Fort Davis, Texas and Mr. Dustin Lamar Serpa of Austin, Louisiana, cousins of the groom, and Mr. Murry Caldwell Vaughan, Jr. of Birmingham, Alabama, cousin of the bride, served as ushers.

Miss Janet Amber Strang of Signal Mountain, Tennessee was the scripture reader. The bride is a graduate of Hollins College and the University of Texas School of Law. She is employed with the bankruptcy court in Western Texas. The groom is a graduate of the University of the Southwestern Louisiana. He is employed as a Sales Manager in Austin, Texas. After a honeymoon trip to St. Lucia, the couple will reside in Austin, Texas.



Mrs. David Haynes Masters, Jr.

Poem writing contest deadline is January 17

Write a poem and win the \$1,000.00 grand prize! Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest, open to everyone. There is no entry fee. To enter send one poem of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 1626 N Wilcox Ave. #126, Hollywood, CA 90028. Or enter on-line at www.famouspoets.com. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. The deadline for entering is January 17, 2003.

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### University of Alabama awards degrees

The University of Alabama awarded 1,352 degrees at the fall commencement ceremony held Monday, Dec. 16, in Coleman Coliseum on the Tuscaloosa campus.

The following local students were listed as candidates to receive degrees: Christina Cook Anderson and Patrick Ellis Scarborough, both of Elba, Ala.

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The Hungarian Symphony Orchestra will be performing January 17, 2003, 7:30 p.m., in Enterprise at the Enterprise High School Auditorium, sponsored by The Coffee County Arts Alliance of Enterprise. Founded in 1811, the 50 members of the Pecs Symphony Orchestra have performed annual series in Pecs, Budapest and other cities as well as at the National Theatre in Pecs.

The orchestra has toured extensively throughout Europe as well as the United Kingdom with the Opera Italiana di Milano, and is now under the direction of Peter Szkladlany.

The Pecs Symphony orchestra is one of the most dynamically developing orchestras in Hungary and has gained significant fame and reputation in the international world of music. Tickets for this event will be available at The Jewel Box Elba, David's Westgate Beauty

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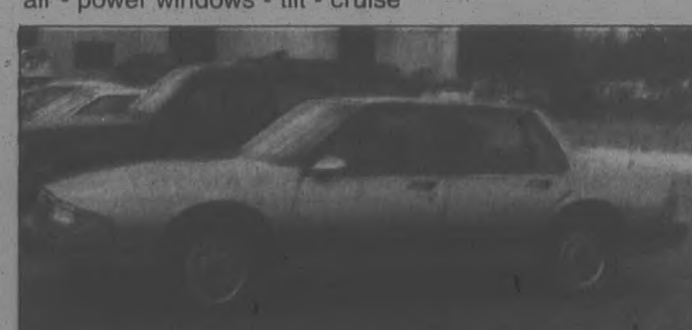
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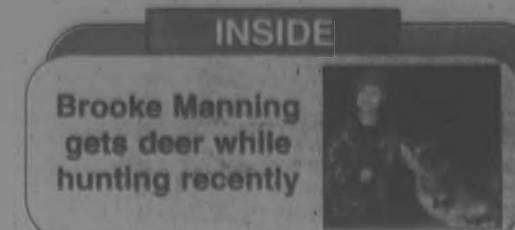
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## New Brockton Council depending on attendance

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular monthly meeting Monday evening, Jan. 6, New Brockton Town Council members learned that being absent is not an option right now.

Mayor Charles Cole informed council members of the importance of their continued attendance at meetings due to the resignation of former council member Ricky Strickland on Monday, Nov. 4.

Strickland submitted his resignation from the District Four seat in November citing two main reasons. He said he was in the process of moving out of the town limits and his job responsibilities had increased.

At that point, the town council began its search for Strickland's replacement. However, two months later, Cole told the council members Monday evening that no one had come forward to fill the vacancy.

Since Strickland's departure,

the council has been looking for a volunteer from the district four area of New Brockton to step forward and agree to feel the void, but Cole said that has not happened. He added that he has personally spoken with several residents from the area, but no one wants to serve as a council person at this time.

Therefore, in regards to what to do next, Cole said town clerk A n n e t t e Williams had spoken with the municipality league. He said the league representatives indicated that the council does not have to have a current elected term should all other council members be present for the meetings or those meetings would be canceled.

"If two names come forward at a later date, we will send them to the governor for him to appoint someone," Cole said.

As for the current situation, the mayor said the citizens of district four should not feel as though they have no representation. He said any citizen with a concern can call the town hall or any other council member to discuss the matter.

Also, any person from the district four area that might be interested in representing those citizens on the town council for the remainder of the current elected term should contact the New Brockton Town Hall at 894-5550 to find out what paperwork needs to be completed.

## New Brockton Town Council establishes due process procedures for law enforcement officers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council received an interesting update from the fire department Monday evening, Jan. 6, as the new fire chief explained a donation the department had received.

Fire Chief Greg Lee attended his first meeting as head of the department and had news of a monetary donation with specified plans.

Lee said the New Brockton Fire Department received \$35,000 for a brush truck and \$70,882 for a station to be built in the Clintonville area. He said this money was donated by a local citizen who expressed his desire for the station and truck to be placed in the Clintonville community to better serve the people of that area.

With the Clintonville area being a service area for the New Brockton Fire Department, Lee said this station would be a branch of the New Brockton Fire Department.

He added that the department has to account for every penny it spends on this project.

With no action required from the council on the matter, Lee said he simply wanted let the council know about the donation and the plans for the money. Council members thanked Lee for attending the meeting to let them know about the matter and asked that he keep them informed about fire department happenings so the town council can be more involved.

With the Alabama State Legislature previously mandating that law enforcement officers be entitled to a disciplinary due process hearing before

being terminated, the New Brockton Town Council set up some guidelines for such a procedure Monday evening when it passed a due process ordinance for law enforcement officers.

The ordinance explains what qualifies an employee to be considered a law enforcement officer, that a law enforcement officer of the Town of New Brockton is entitled to request a disciplinary hearing before being suspended or terminated and the procedures that shall govern the hearing if a law enforcement officer requests one.

Having already discussed the ordinance with the town's attorney, council member Ron McMonagle said he was ready to vote on the matter. Therefore, he made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 03-01 pertaining to due process for law enforcement officers. His motion received a second from council member Johnnie Herron and passed by a unanimous vote.

The council again found itself discussing the town's emergency medical services contract with Enterprise Rescue when Mayor Charles Cole said the agreement was up for renewal at \$1,500 per month. The county reimburses New Brockton for a portion of the \$1,500.

McMonagle asked if anyone knew why the contract is only for a six month term, and he indicated that he would like to see it locked in for a year instead of just six months.

The other council members and mayor all said they did not understand why the contract was for six months either except that Enterprise Rescue has preferred it that way in the past.

## Brundage-Phenix City National Guard Unit receives mobilization orders

Gov. Don Siegelman and Maj. Gen. Mike Sumrall, the adjutant general of Alabama, announced Monday, Jan. 6, that another Alabama Army National Guard unit has received mobilization orders.

Approximately 145 personnel from the 900th Maintenance Company of Brundage and Phenix City will be mobilized in the near future. They will take part in Operation Noble Eagle, performing homeland security missions at some location in the continental United States.

The date of the activation, departure from home station and where they will report for duty have not been announced at this

time. The initial call-up is for a period of up to 365 days.

"When our nation called upon these brave men and women in the dark days following Sept. 11," they proudly answered that call," Siegelman said. "Again today, Alabama service members stand ready to defend freedom and liberty as they fight the war on terrorism."

The activation of the 900th is part of the ongoing call-up of units for Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 3,200 Alabama Army and Air Guard personnel have been called to active duty. More than 2,400 still remain on duty today.

With that, McMonagle made a motion that the town accept the agreement contingent upon extending the contract to a whole year at \$1,500 per month. If Enterprise Rescue will not agree to a whole year, the mayor has the council's approval to sign the agreement for the six month contract.

Herron provided a second to the motion which passed by a unanimous vote.

Also during the Monday meeting, council members considered an ordinance for burning; however, some felt the ordinance needs some more work on the wording before being passed. Therefore, McMonagle made a motion with a second from council member Vicky Harrison to table this ordinance until the working session to be discussed further. The motion passed unanimously.

In other business, the council: \* Approved a motion to extend the fundraiser meeting date from Jan. 23 to sometime in March. Herron said this will give everyone more time to recover from the holiday season and allow the committee to put together a more impressive presentation. A more specific date will be announced at a later time.

\* Approved a motion to pay the monthly bills totaling \$12,882.11.

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## Area Happenings

**THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 9 (TONIGHT), at 6:30 p.m., at the board of education office (400 Reddoch Hill Rd., Elba).

**VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. CHAPTER 373** will hold its regular monthly meeting Jan. 9 (TONIGHT), 6:30 p.m., at the Claychance Community House, which is located on highway 92 close to Providence Baptist Church.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Jan. 13, at 9 a.m. in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

**A ZION CHAPEL FTD** meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 16, at 6 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

**THE TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON** will observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 20, with town officers being elected; however, the town will also hold several activities throughout the day in honor of Dr. King beginning at 9 a.m. at the bus stop to include a walk in remembrance from the stop to Peoples Temple Baptist Church. In case of inclement weather, all activities will be held at Peoples Temple Baptist Church.



**AFTERNOON COLLISION CLUTTERS INTERSECTION.** One Elba intersection became a dangerous spot last Thursday, Jan. 2, when two vehicles collided with one overturning in the roadway. It was approximately 2:40 p.m. last Thursday when the vehicles reached the point of impact at the intersection of Claxton Avenue and Simmons Street after one failed to stop for a red light. A 1995 Dodge Avenger, driven by Morgan Leigh Catrett, age 17, of Troy was traveling along Simmons St. while a 1984 Ford Ranger, driven by Nettie Hudson, age 72, of Elba was traveling on Claxton Ave. According to authorities, Catrett failed to stop at the red light and pulled into the path of Hudson. At that point, Hudson's vehicle struck the front of Catrett's vehicle which caused the truck Hudson was driving to begin turning sideways and eventually overturning. Officers with the Elba Police Department were dispatched to the scene, as well as units from Coffee County EMS and the Elba Fire Department. Although a passenger in the truck, Zachary Hudson, age 10, of Elba, was able to get out on his own, firefighters had to use the "jaws of life" to cut the cab of the truck so the driver could be removed. Both the younger and elder Hudson were transported to Elba General Hospital by units from Coffee County EMS; however, the injuries appeared to be only minor. Catrett escaped the collision without injury and was not transported to the hospital. Investigating the accident for the Elba Police Department were officers Michael Hines and Austin Redmon. Above, the area in which the truck traveled is evident through debris left on the roadway while emergency personnel work together to remove Hudson from the vehicle as quickly and safely as possible.

## Three Elba attorneys among those honored at reception

Three local attorneys were among those honored on December 19th at the reception held at Enterprise Courthouse. Judge Gary McAliley stated that the day was a "celebration to show appreciation for the lawyer's efforts and many years of service to ensure that the people of Coffee County had an opportunity at receiving justice."

Recognized were Jackson W. Stokes who will mark 50 years of law practice on January 25th when he also celebrates his 74th birthday, Garth Lindsey who has been practicing in Elba for 45 years and Robert E. Cannon who retired after 50 years from the law firm he established in 1952.

Judge McAliley presided over a short program in the courtroom where he introduced each of the honorees as well as local and county dignitaries. A seafood luncheon was then served to the large crowd of friends attending.

Recognized along with the Elba lawyers were attorneys Joe Cassidy Sr., Kenneth Fuller, Joe

Pittman and Alice Anderson all of Enterprise.



Garth Lindsey



Jackson W. Stokes



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